

Town of Rowe – FY2013
Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 14, 2012 – 4:00pm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Abbott at 4:04pm.

Present: Chairman Noel Abbott, Vice Chairman Paul McLatchy III, and Selectman Marilyn Wilson

Audience: Ann Foshay requested that a group be authorized to look into alternatives to building a new school. She stated that the survey being prepared to be sent to residents by the Survey Subcommittee of the School Building Committee does not address alternatives. Selectman Wilson stated that she thought the survey was excellent, but that it didn't give clear options for dissenting opinions which may result in polarization. It was suggested that perhaps an additional page be added to the survey to allow for other comments and opinions. The Select Board then voted two in favor and one recusal to strongly request the School Building Committee to not approve the survey until the Board of Selectmen have the opportunity to ensure that the survey be structured to represent all viewpoints. (Selectman McLatchy recused himself because he is a member of the School Building Committee). Ms. Miller will inform the School Building Committee of the Select Board's vote.

Minutes: The following action was taken on meeting minutes:

- October 16, 2012: Approved as amended (3/0/0)
- October 30, 2012: Approved as written (3/0/0)
- November 6, 2012: Approved as written (3/0/0)
- November 9, 2012: Approved as amended (3/0/0)
- November 13, 2012: Approved as amended (2/0/1) Selectman Wilson abstained as she was absent
- November 16, 2012: Approved as written (3/0/0)

Town Meeting Moderator: As Moderator Bob Clancy cannot attend the Dec 18th STM, Selectman McLatchy agreed to moderate the meeting.

School Building Committee (SBC): Architect Margo Jones informed the School Building Committee that the first steps needed to undertake a building project are to hire an OPM (Owner's Project Manager) and an Architect to have the schematic design and design development prepared. Initially 25% of the costs for the OPM and Architect are needed. This is estimated at \$227,500. Another STM will be needed to appropriate money for this. The date of Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30pm was chosen. The Moderator, Town Clerk and Constable will be contacted to see if they are available that date. The warrant can be signed at the December 18th board meeting. MIAA will be requested to send a check for \$200,000 to cover the appropriation needed.

Town Hall Payphone: Chairman Abbott presented a quote for \$238 to have a Smart Bell style coinless payphone installed in the red telephone booth outside of the town hall (see attached). There will be costs for installation also. The Select Board voted unanimously (3/0/0) to approve an expenditure of up to \$500 to have the phone installed.

One Day Special License: The Select Board voted unanimously (3/0/0) to approve and One-Day Special License for wine and malt for the Rowe Camp & Conference Center for Sunday, December 16, 2012, from 4pm to 10pm.

Tax Rate Approval: DOR approval of the FY2013 tax rate was received on December 12, 2012. The rates are \$6.30 residential and \$14.08 Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property.

School Fire Payroll Warrant: A payroll item of 3.0 hours for the school speech therapist was approved to be paid on the next payroll warrant (P13-13) from the School Fire Deficit account. She had worked prior to the start of school assisting with setting up for the new school year.

DPW Solar Array: A change order to the contract with BPVS (Berkshire Photovoltaic Systems) was unanimously (3/0/0) approved. The original contract was for the amount of \$29,250.00 for a minimum 5.64 kW array. The change order is for an additional \$5,850 to increase the system to 7.14 kW. In addition, the town is eligible for a Commonwealth Solar II Rebate for \$2,000 from the MA Clean Energy Center. Paperwork for this rebate is being filed. The total cost of the system will be:

\$ 29,250	Original contract
5,850	Change order increase
<u>(2,000)</u>	CommMA Solar II Rebate
\$ 33,100	TOTAL

Depot Street Bridge: Ellen Miller reported that she and DPW Supt. Jim Taylor attended a meeting in Monroe Bridge yesterday with Monroe officials and MassDOT officials concerning the replacement of the Depot Street Bridge. The bridge is currently owned by TransCanada; however, in order to use federal funds to replace the bridge it needs to be under the jurisdiction of the two towns. To that end, permanent easements for the bridge will need to be obtained by both Monroe and Rowe. Temporary easements for the construction phase will be needed also. For the towns' parts, funds will be needed for legal assistance in obtaining the easements. Further information will be forwarded by MassDOT. The Board of Selectmen will need authorization from the May Annual Town Meeting to obtain these easements.

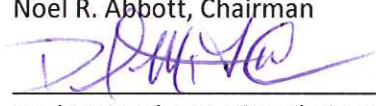
Adjournment: The Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Miller
Town Coordinator

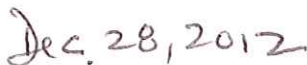
Approved:

Noel R. Abbott, Chairman



Paul McLatchy III, Vice Chairman

Marilyn Wilson



Date Approved

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Estimate for OPM and Architect funds needed
- Payphone information
- One day Special License
- Tax rate approval
- DPW Solar Array change order
- Commonwealth Solar II Rebate application